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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-925 AND 28-2354, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
LICENSE PLATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 28-925, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-925. Tail lamps

5 A. A motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer and any
6 other vehicle that is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles shall be
7 equipped with at least one tail lamp mounted on the rear. When lighted as
8 required by this article, the tail lamp shall emit a red light plainly
9 visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, except that in the
10 case of a train of vehicles, only the tail lamp on the rearmost vehicle need
11 actually be seen from the distance specified.

12 B. A tail lamp on a vehicle shall be located at a height of not more
13 than sixty inches nor less than fifteen inches to be measured as provided in
14 section 28-923, subsection B.

15 C. Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be constructed and
16 placed in a manner that illuminates with a white light the rear license plate
17 and renders it clearly legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear. A
18 tail lamp or tail lamps together with any separate lamp for illuminating the
19 rear license plate shall be wired to provide that the tail lamp or lamps are
20 lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted. **THE
21 LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY IF THE VEHICLE OPERATOR
22 IS ISSUED A PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR TEMPORARILY DISABLED REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD
23 PLACARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-2409 AND THE OPERATOR'S WHEELCHAIR LIFT OR
24 WHEELCHAIR CARRIER MAKES THE LIGHTING VERY DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE.**

25 Sec. 2. Section 28-2354, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26 28-2354. License plates: attachment

27 A. A person shall display the license plate or plates as follows:
28 1. For a motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer, on the
29 rear.

30 2. For a vehicle for which two license plates are issued, the vehicle
31 owner shall display either of the following:

32 (a) One plate on the rear.

33 (b) One plate on the front and one plate on the rear.

34 B. A person shall display all license plates as required by subsection
35 **A OF THIS SECTION** until their lawful use expires or is canceled or revoked.
36 **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION** a person shall maintain
37 each license plate so it is clearly legible and so that the name of this
38 state at the top of the license plate is not obscured. A person shall
39 securely fasten each license plate to the vehicle as follows:

40 1. To prevent the plate from swinging.

41 2. At a height of at least twelve inches from the ground to the bottom
42 of the plate.

1 3. In a position to be clearly visible.
2 C. A PERSON WHO IS ISSUED A PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR TEMPORARILY
3 DISABLED REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-2409 IS NOT IN
4 VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION IF THE PERSON'S WHEELCHAIR LIFT OR
5 WHEELCHAIR CARRIER OBSCURES THE VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE, INCLUDING THE NAME OF
6 THIS STATE AT THE TOP OF THE PLATE IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
7 1. THE WINDSHIELD PLACARD CONTAINS THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER ASSIGNED
8 TO THE VEHICLE TRANSPORTING THE WHEELCHAIR.
9 2. THE WINDSHIELD PLACARD IS DISPLAYED SO AS TO BE CLEARLY VISIBLE TO
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT.